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Is Treatment Planning Your Friend or Foe?

By Teresa Robbins, CASAC

- Do you suffer from treatment planning burnout?
- Is treatment planning something you do just to get it out of the way?
- Do you find yourself writing the same treatment plan with every client?
- Are you tired of explaining the treatment plan to your clients?
- Are you using a treatment plan that does not encourage individualization?
- Do you consider the treatment plan your personal property?
- Do you ignore the treatment plan until it is time to complete the discharge summary?

If you have answered YES to any of these questions then this article might serve as a brief intervention to empower you to upgrade your view of the treatment planning process!

Consider this: The treatment planning process can encourage and maintain goal-focused client participation in all planned treatment services when the plan remains the focus of client interaction.

Consider this: It is proactive to provide a copy of the treatment plan to your client so that they may refer to their plan continually as they engage in each planned treatment intervention.

Consider this: Using the treatment plan as a reference to evaluate client progress during individual counseling sessions can also serve to assist the counselor to keep the client goal-focused during individual counseling.

Consider this: The treatment plan which includes the client's expected outcomes for each of their treatment objectives will serve to encourage the client to remain positive and goal-focused in their participation of the identified treatment service.

Consider this: Including the client's own words to identify their own treatment expectations serves to encourage more active participation in the array of treatment services offered.

Consider this: Capturing the client's expectations in specific behavioral terms also serves to help the client and the counselor to identify and assess treatment progress.

Consider this: Clients who are encouraged to relate their personal expectations and to identify their own progress to staff and their peers, learn to be proactive in their recovery efforts.

Consider this: Treatment plans which provide behavioral objectives to clients serve to teach them to look for their own positive signs of recovery strength.

Consider this: Clients who are encouraged to personally assess their own treatment progress are encouraged to practice a proactive approach within the context of group and individual counseling.

Consider this: The treatment plan may be utilized as a daily guide by the client and the counselor to encourage effective tracking of client progression throughout the course of the treatment program.

Consider this: The counselor may utilize the treatment plan as a working guide to focus their individual counseling sessions and to assist the client to reach their desired outcomes.

New Member-At-Large Appointments

As mentioned in previous newsletter articles, the Board of Directors made the decision to align regional boundaries along with the Missouri Department of Mental Health, Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse effective January 2003. This reduces the number of elected Board members from six to five. The Board decided to change the Bylaws to include two new member-at-large positions for a total of three member-at-large positions. John Gary, MSACCB Board President recently announced the new appointments. These individuals who come from diverse backgrounds and are committed to promoting the mission and policies of the Certification Board. Please welcome our new and returning Board members who will be assisting the Certification Board Directors in facing the challenges ahead.

Fran Joy's appointment to the MSACCB Board of Directors as the State Advisory Council (SAC) representative will end this spring. Ms. Joy has been reappointed to one of the newly created member-at-large positions. She has served the Certification Board in many capacities over the past years. Ms. Joy is a Certified Advance Substance Abuse Counselor (CASAC).

John Bowen was also appointed to a member-at-large position for the Certification Board. Mr. Bowen has been employed in the Criminal Justice field for over twenty-five years in positions such as Correctional Officer, Probation and Parole Officer and Substance Abuse Treatment. He currently is employed with the Department of Corrections at Cremer Therapeutic Community Center at Fulton, Missouri as Superintendent. He also has the responsibility of Chief of Drug Testing Services for the Department of Corrections. Mr. Bowen holds the Certified Advance Substance Abuse Counselor (CASAC).

Scott Jordan has been appointed by the State Advisory Council (SAC) as their representative to the Certification Board. Mr. Jordan is currently an Area Substance Abuse Treatment Coordinator with the Missouri Department of Corrections. In this capacity, he serves as a liaison between DOC Institutional Treatment Programs, field Probation and Parole staff, DMH (ADA & CPS), and community treatment provider staff to provide treatment coordination and continuity of care between these various departments, division and agencies.

IC&RC Written and CPM Test Dates

2003

Written Test: June 14, 2003

December 13, 2003

CPM: April 12, 2003

September 13, 2003

2004

Written Test: June 12, 2004

December 11, 2004

CPM: April 17, 2004

September 11, 2004

AODA Practice Exam

A practice test in now available online for candidates preparing for the AODA counselor written examination through the IC&RC. The test is designed to aid individuals preparing for the credentialing examination. It is built to the same specifications as the actual examination and helps familiarize people with the format of the test and the types of questions that will appear. Scores are immediately available, and the test may provide diagnostic feedback to access a candidate's strengths or weaknesses. The cost of the practice exam is \$35.00 and can be accessed by visiting the website for:

CASTLE Worldwide, Inc., www.castlelearning.com.

Are you Prepared to Meet New DOT Rules for the Substance Abuse Professional?

Previous newsletter articles outlined the Department of Transportation upcoming rule changes regarding education, continuing education and the required proficiency examination. This is a reminder of the changes that are being implemented. Substance Abuse Professionals (SAP) who provide assessment or evaluation services to safety-sensitive personnel under U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) rules will have to complete a new qualification training in order to provide services beginning January 1, 2004.

Current SAP's who wish to continue providing services and prospective SAP's must complete a formal 12 hour education and training program that covers the DOT alcohol and drug testing rules and regulations as well as other topics and must be completed by December 31, 2003. Following completion of your training, you must satisfactorily complete an examination. This examination must be given by a nationally recognized professional or training organization and must comprehensively cover all the elements required for the qualification training. Please be aware that DOT requires these training or professional organizations to have their SAP examination validated by a test evaluation organization.

During each three-year period following satisfactory completion of your training and examination, you must complete at least 12 professional development hours (e.g., Continuing Education Units) relevant to your performing SAP duties.

You must keep records on your trainings and on the successful completion of the written examination. When DOT audits an employer, the auditors may ask to review the SAP's credentials, training and written examination documents.

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Consider this: The treatment planning process serves as the initial method of engagement to encourage active client involvement with the identification of personal treatment goals and their desired outcomes.

Consider this: Client empowerment is encouraged with active engagement of the client in the treatment planning process.

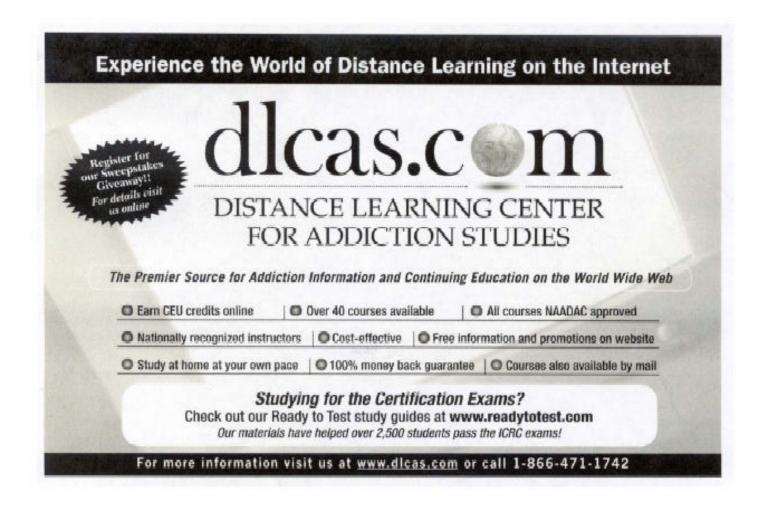
Consider this: The treatment planning process is often the counselor's first opportunity to engage a new client in a focused problem solving activity.

Consider this: Therapeutic goal-focused interaction between the client and the counselor is initiated with the treatment planning process.

Consider this: Therapeutic goal-focused interaction between the client and the counselor is continued and strengthened throughout the course of goal-focused treatment.

Consider this: The client's expression of their desired outcomes may be captured within the text of the treatment plan to indicate their personal expectation and to indicate their motivational level.

Consider this: The initial structure and direction that you establish with your client within the context of the treatment planning exchange may serve to reduce anxiety while strengthening the client's awareness of their personal treatment needs.



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